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By ECF

Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Charleton Hightower, 20 Cr. 303 (RMB)

Honorable Judge Berman:

I write with the consent of the Government to request a 30-day adjournment of the conference presently scheduled for August 24, 2020 in the above-captioned case. Additional time would permit me to continue reviewing discovery with my client, who is incarcerated at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly limited communication between Bureau of Prisons inmates and their attorneys, and would permit the parties to discuss a potential disposition of the matter. This is the first request by any party to adjourn a conference in this case.

The parties consent to the exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), through the next conference date scheduled by the Court. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ariel Werner
Ariel Werner
Assistant Federal Defender

Application granted. Conference
adjourned to Monday, October 5,
2020 at 9:00 am. Time is excluded
pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act
for the reasons set forth in this
letter.

SO ORDERED:
Date: 8/20/2020



Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.